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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT: "Interagency Computers" Reported by NBC News

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1. This morning I had a phone call from [redacted] who is serving as a consultant to the IHC. He is an ex CIA employee, who at one time was the head of the Agency's Office of Computer Services. He reported as follows:

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A few days ago, NBC news, which [redacted] saw in Los Angeles, ran an item which mention the passing of files and information among intelligence agencies using computers. There was reference to a HARVESTER computer.

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2. NSA has had an activity called HARVEST related to computers.\* [redacted] deduced that the reference to interagency interchange could refer to COINS, but that was not mentioned.

3. I am taking no further action on this beyond advising you and sending a copy to the Chairman, SIGINT Committee and the Chairman, SECURITY Committee. If you wish me to act further, please advise.

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[redacted]  
Chairman, IHC

cc: Chairman, SIGINT Committee  
Chairman, SECURITY Committee (via LDX)

(\* - The HARVEST system contains NSA's "end product." It includes about the last 10 years. It is being phased out in FY-75. The capability has been assumed by the [redacted]

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